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# NEWS OF THE DAY.

## GENERAL NEWS

The trial of John H. Gee, Rebel commandant of the Salisbury prison, was commenced at Rideigh, N. C., on the Blat inst. nt. A full report of the proceedings thus far will be o main the letter of our special corre- refle spondent publis ed to-day.

May and was cord all received by the leather dealers. and glosses: for the speech was received This must be repealed, if ex-Rebels are to be After a drive through the Five Points be visited the Academy of Len-band Penmanship. He will return to Washington to night.

Oov. Cox.

h A man nan e ' Ceorge Peet has been arrested mear Auburn, N. Y., on a salicion of having poisoned his wife. The woman wd in convulsions, and Peet had

unsuccessful in both instances, and has since been

Later accounts from the steamer Winchester. that about 15 persons were drowned. The fire origi-nated from cinders failing among some bales of hey. The following dispatch is Mrs. Catherine Fay, an old lady residing in ington from Secretary Seward:

Rochester, was burned to death on the 23d instant. She Said down on a lounge to sleep with matches in her pocket, and in moving about they ignited.

Maximilian Shinbone, who robbed the Walpole (N. H.) Ba k of o er \$51,000 on Nov. 19, 1864, was arrested near Plattsburg on the 22d inst. But very little of the money has been recovered.

A destructive fire occur ed in Louisville, Ky., on Friday night, destrowin the esta lishment of Newmomb, Bachsnan & Co., the largest grocery house in

James G. Taylor, an ex-policeman, was blin, and talks directly, frankly, and with the powerful emphasis of annistakable sincerity, to the peepe, of the dangers which monare the country, and of the duty McCullough on the previous evening. The wound is not

his skull with a stick of wood. The "Devout Life" was the subject of a lecture delivered by Dr. O. B. Frothingham in the Cooper

Five persons were burned to death in Baltimore during a fire on the 24th last, their escape being

THE NATIONAL PERIL.

On Friday morning last, the country was astounded by advices that the President of the United States had, in the course of a harangue to a crowd who waited on him the preceding [Load cheers.]"

night, spoken as follows:

now, when I turn round at the other end of the line, I find men. I care not by what name you call them [A value, Call them traitors], who still stand opposed to the restoration of the Units of these Sinies, and I am free to say to you, that I am still for the preservation of this comment, I am still for the preservation of this Custor; I am still in favor of this great Government of ours going on and following out its destiny; [A volce, Give us the names.] A gentleman calls for their names. Well, I suppose I should give them. [A volce, We know them.] I I look upon them, I repeat it, as President or citizen, as much opposed to the fundamental principles of this Government, and believe they are a much inhering to precent or destroy them, as were Formey | Some gentleman in the crowd sers to Formey | I have only just to say that I do not my ammunition upon dead ducks. (Lauguter as

in spirit and scope, this denunciation is leveled at a very large majority of the members of Congress-all of them elected by the same party and on the same ticket with the President -elected expressly to legislate, and not fortuitously enabled to do so by the crime of an assessin. And we but state what every one tifying its past record. For there is a law on amand and pained by the tidings. They were Gen. Grant visited the "Swamp" on Satur not misled, nor led at all, by editorial strictures a solemn adjuration that he has never done so. at so late an hour of the preceding night that scarcely one journal made any com- the half-dozen consistent Unionists as even a invitation an address before the Legislature of Marietta (Ohio) dis rict to fill a vacancy in the lower person, as he glatteed over his morning fority of about 400, a gain of 48 ever the majority for such a speech could have emanated from such a source. The Ecening Post-which had been tion concerns the admission of ex-Rebels-this luctance to reenter public life, arising out of his the most devoted, unquestioning advocate of what is called "the President's policy," and for nothing, or worse. And, not only does the accepts the office to which he had been chosen utterance of Mr. Johnson-gave expression, in constrained to commend and belster it up by in many editions of the Constitution, was rati- interests. barned near East Liverpool, Ohio, on the 23d inst., state the most extraordinary plaudits, which we place

The following dispatch has been received in Wast

"It is all right and safe. The Union is restored and the country safe. The President's speech is triumphant, and the country will be happy."

(Signed)

The President's speech—in its general tone, in the leading thought and principle which it assert:—is one which will arrest the attention and command the assert of the great hody of the American people. Its language is strong direct manly, and such as no man can mistake or misinterpret. The President lays eside all the factitious dignity with which his lagh office tovests him, and talks directly, frankly, and with the newserful combact.

McCalleugh on the previous evening. The wound is not considered mortal.

Four persons have been arrested on suspicion of being concerted in the recent marder of a private watchman in Thirty-fifth-st. The proof against them its strong.

A terrible steamboat collision occurred a few anies below Cincannation the 24th. The accounts are conflicting; but 20 lives, at least, were sacrificed.

The Georgia State Legislature has indorsed the placed on the journais of bold many and outspoken. More bold than anything twice. On the whole, President Johnson's speech is bold, many and outspoken. More bold than anything the placed on the journais of bold microsed. It placed on the journais of bold thouses.

George Gann y of Liberty, Ohio, during a quarrel recently, mardered Adam Deringer, broaking his skull with a stok of wield.

From The Body Nevs.

The name of Andrew Johnson is upon the lips of the people in accepta of delight and admiration. Never, be haps, in the history of our country have the words of any one man sent such a thrill of hope and satisfaction through the popular heart, as did those brave words of deliance that the President, on Thursday, flung in the teeth of the Radical conspirators. The messes are quick to appreciate the meits of an act of great political significance; and they have, as if by instinct, message of their states of the state of the sta

Even in his extraordinary speech, the President | Times did not omit.

"When these States comply with the Constitution: when they have given sufficient evidence of their key airs, and that they can be trusted; when they steld obedience to the law, I say, extend to them the right-hand of fellowship, and let peace and union be restored.

- Very well: "evidence" to whom? Is not "I have fought traitors and tresson in the South. I copposed the Davises, and Toombers, and Slidells, and a long list of others whose names I need not repeat; and Joint Committee on Reconstruction has no other now, when I turn round at the other end of the line. I shad men. I care not by what asme you call them id. Congress now seeking such evidence? The tion of such "evidence." And that it seeks it from all sides is known by the fact that Gen. and heard, as well as Union Generals, special agents, &c., familiar with the condition of the South. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south. If there be one more whom the claimants of south with the condition of the south wi Lee, Gov. Aiken, the leading spirits of the Virname him, and he will be called and heard.

What, then, is the fault of the majority in Congress has no right to pause, to consider, to nounced by name, it is nowise disputable that, delegations as the President shall dictate-to "extend to them the right hand of fellowship" at whatever moment he shall indicate-to receive his word as law, and defer to him as the sele Autocrat of Reconstruction ?

w, when we affirm that considerate, the statute-book which expressly excludes from · citizens of all classes were at once cither House any and every person who has voluntarily aided toe Rebellion, and exacts of each admitted; and it is absurd to talk of admitting fied by twelve States only, at a time when we case would be decided, since it provides that

years a citizen of the United States;" and § 3, that is, must tolerate exclu overthrow the United States to have been "citi-

We reprobate, therefore, as the whole country

a grave public danger: Is it right or wrong to grees should pause and inquire in what spirit, and consequently no response was made!"-a could but this belief of Mr. Stephens be transwith what feelings and purposes, they come? significant admission which we wonder The lated into Georgia law, and into law for all the

# COLOBADO GOLD.

The following is the third response to our inquiry for specific and trustworthy information as to what has actually been done (not what, it problem has got to be solved, and can by no is calculated, may or will be done) in reducing the intractable Sulphurets of Colorado and extracting Gold therefrom by any of the new the outlook for the South is somewhat gloomy. methods or processes whereof we have all heard We judge that his best hopes lie in the two conglowing but vague accounts. In each case, a ditions above stated, a genuine loyalty to the distinct process is reported, which is so much Union and justice to the negro. And he makes the better. We regret that in neither have we the remarkable admission-especially remark-

Congress, that it should be likened to Slidelland from Prot. Hill, formerly of Brown University, in Toombs and Jeff. Davis, and accused of kindred which he says that he has trustworthy information that treason? Is it not clearly assumed that Keitn is running from 2, to 3 cords per day, and that Hawk Company took out, some two years ago, some 40 or 50 cords of remarkably handsome and rich appearing ore from their mine on the Bobtail lode. It was said, however, that it would hardly pay expenses by the reason why the good sense of the States shall "stamp" process. Whether this was true or not, it not perceive their true interests to lie inside the ole Autocrat of Reconstruction?

Surely, it must be obvious that Congress cannot with Keith to run this ore for one half of the product. so act without abdicating its functions and stul- The runs were from \$1,150 to \$1,250 per cord for five hence I do not doubt the occrectness of Prof. Hitt's Yours, in baste,

WILLIAM W. WRIGHT. Genera, N. T., Vol. 15, 1808.

### MR. STEPHENDS SPEECH.

Mr. A. H. Stephens of Georgia delivered by At a special election on the 17th, held in the ment whatever; yet nearly every thoughtful beginning of "restoration." To admit these, that State on Washington's birthday. Mr. while excluding others, will nowise pacify, nor Stephens had shortly before been elected to House, the Republican cambidate was elected by a ma- paper, was at once appelled and mortified that satisfy, nor placate "the South"—on the contrary. represent Georgia in the United States Senate, it will intensify her discontent. The vital ques- and in this speech, while referring to his reshe demands, and this she will have, or all goes position is Vice-President of the Confederacy. previously bought strychnine at a druggist's in the had eulogized nearly every previous act and law stand in its way, but the Constitution- Whatever he chose to say would in any event which those who lately renounced now profess to have an importance on the opinion of the ablest On Friday ni ht a jealous husband, named the afternoon, to the common sentiment of the adore-seems to us to present an embarrassment. Southern politician. What he now says is Robert Wright, Iwing in Hoboken, made a desperate American People, in utterly reprobating the if not a positive obstacle. We are quite aware that especially important because he speaks for his emergency that may arise will she ever lack for heroic attempt to shoot his wife, and commit suicide. He was speech and the spirit which inspired it. And Art. XIII (Amendment) though adopted by two. State and to his State, and must be presumed defeaders, though she has no more of a standing arm; yet, the majority of our City journals have felt thirds of both Houses of Congress, and printed to say the best word he can to advance her

had eighteen, and therefore is not, in words, a being perhaps the best yet proceeding from any part of the fundamental law. If it were, the citizen south of Mason and Dixon's line. It We say this is not in terms the fundamental to endure such ills as new law, but its spirit is there. Art. I, § 2, pre-tikening his listening constituents a liberal, generous construction may allow those that the people may a lyance to a better state quiry and adjudication; and he is not necessar elaboration his well-known view that lovalt country and became voluntary subjects of a the Constitution was meant to embody; and foreign, hostile power, should undergo some that the only point at issue was whether the them to sit in Congress and vote to pay or repu- smoons. great principles of self-government recognized has already reprobated, the terms wherein the and embodied in the Constitution of the United Signsmund Waitz, a returned soldier, committed suicide at the Grant House in this city on Saturday.

The disbursements of the Treasury Departure the value of the bold and determined speech of their Chief Magistrate. They recognize in it a promise of redemption from the tyrunuy of faction and fanaticism. The Pittsburgh Congress of Penians adjusted the countrymen to defend their birth right of action and fanaticism. The Pittsburgh Congress of Penians adjusted the countrymen to defend their birth right of action and fanaticism. The Pittsburgh Congress of Penians adjusted the countrymen to defend their birth right of action and fanaticism. The Pittsburgh Congress of Penians adjusted the countrymen to defend their birth right of action and fanaticism. The public press, with scarcely a whisper of dissent, reproved Mr. Summer when he spoke of a decorous Message from the President saw in to characterize leading Members of Congress, who derive their main importance in the viewed only as a means to an end; and the means has failed.

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Ex. Senator Wigfall escaped from the future. He has been indebted for much of his success in public his to his honest appeals to his honest appeals to the plain people. Finding Congress against him, he row asks the people to decide in his favor, and addresses them in the manner on which his long personal experience has set the seal of success. In addressing Congress, he always uses fit and dignified language, in appending to the people against Congress. He are a properly and the people against Congress. He are a properly and the people against Congress. He are a properly and the people and the people and the people and the people and is acting within its proper sphere in carefully investigating the condition of the States in the people and the people are the people and the people are the people and the people and the people and the people and the people are the people and the people and the people and the people and the people are the people and the people and the people are the people and the people and the people are the people and the people are the people and the people and the people are the people are the people and the people are the people are the people and the people are the peopl the second of National administration of Nationa

Southern States, the problems of reconstruction were amazingly simplified. We wish the State Legislatures might take the advice of their counselor to "do the best they can with their problem." Sure they may be that somehow the means be shirked or shuffled out of sight.

It is fair to admit, thinks Mr. Stephens, that

Siz: In reply to your inquiry in THE TRIBUNE of the day should pass away, an adjustment of the 13th, I wish to say that I have a recent letter would be made on equitable principles, upon n 11. Reci general basis of reciprocal advantage and mutual convenience on which the Union was first established!" That can only mean that 3. Piano Solo. Mr. Stephens was from the first hopeless of what is called Southern Independence, and he now expressly declares that he can see no Union-such a new Union as he has described. Would that the States to which he refers were of the same mind!

### INCREASING THE ARMY. A volunteer, who enlisted without bounty at

the beginning, and has fought through the War, thus writes us from Arkansas:

"I am glad you have struck a blow against the in crease of the regular army. When the country shall once be restored to a true peace, it seems to me all the army we require is just enough to take care of the forts and arsenals belonging to the Government. Beyond that, I see no earthly use for a standing army. Judg-ing by the war through which we have just passed, "standing army is not required to save the national ex-istence when that existence is seriously menaced. A Robert D. Holmes in a flow appropriate remarks, while called forth a reply from Mr. Holmes in a most humor setter, than a regular army. More especially is that the case when such a force is made up largely of materials in strong sympathy with the enemy against which it is expected to fight.

" Let the nation chesefully remonerate the veterans who have saved that Nation's life, and in no than is indicated above."

The Chicago Tribune gives the following sample of the spirit wherein the "restored" Rebels are now evincing their Unionism in loyal Kentucky:

"Regbon Harris was the slave of Isaac Rucker, who ived in Lyon County, between the Cumberland and the Union armies to where two companies of the 25th Kentucky Robel Regiment were hid in the wilderness. pany E of said regiment. They were taken prisoners tion and worked it. On the 17th day of January, Rucker and his two sous returned to the plantation

en two trees, just so that his toes could touch the ground. He then, with his own hands, whipped him, present, mosning in agony at the spectacle. The wretch graed and struck the wife ten blows, and told her to go you to death.' And he did whip on till the whole body ground was cut up most horribly. From 11 a. m. till sunset the martyrdom went on. This was Thursday night. The poor sufferer lingered in agony till Sunday orning, when death released him from earthly sorrows. I should add, several White men stood around, witness, ing the flogging, and encouraged it on.

with death. They fied to Paduenh by night, crossed

The Reintesty Logislature, a few days ago, presumed to call in question the verneity of some of the statements made by Gen Palmer in his recent letter to The Louisville Journal, and appointed a Committee to "eccuand of him the evidence" upon which he stated that outrages had been and were being committed upon the fredmen, and no steps were being taken to redress the same. Gen. Palmer returned the following answer to the Committee:

Third Anniversary Celebration of Am cas Lodge No. 535 F. and A. M.

On Friday evening last this organization held its third anniversary celebration at the Masonie As sembly Rooms, Nos. 114 and 116 Rest Thirteen The following was the order of exercises

PART I.
Comm, brothers of the mystic tie—
Our social work bogue—
We ill raise an opening song on high,
To biss, the Lory Onn' With boarts united, firm and free.
We round our altar stand;
Who be a can work, and best agree
Are dearest in our band. Are deerest in our band.
Come, kindie, at our hely fire,
Fristernal thoughts and kind;
Each worthy set and pure desire
Shall kindred wishes bind.
With hearts unlesd, brin and free, &c.

B. W. Key Ferdinand C. Ewer

8. Duet, "I're Wandered in Presma." L. Emanuel.
Mrs. Cardwell and Mr. Thatcher.
P. Song, "Beautiful late of the Sea." J. R. Thomas.
10. Trig. Mrs. Caldweit, Mossers. Thatcher and Thomas

Mr. O. W. Morgan. 4. Ballad, "Sweet b Ballad, "Sweet be Thy Dreams"......J. R. Thomas. Mr. J. R. Thomas.
 Sout, "Sweet Love, Good Night to Thee"...J. L. Hatton. Mr. L. P. Thutcher.

6. Duett, "The Syren and the Friar."
Mrs. Caldwell and Mr. J. R. Thomas 7. Organ Funtasie

Mr. G. W. Morgan.

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Mr. G. F. Bristow, Mr. G. W. Morgan and Mr. H. C. Walson.
The above programme barring been completed with
great satisfaction, and as each song was finished and
the execution of the different difficult pieces on the
piano-forte and organ were concluded, remed after round
of applause followed, and the participants in the entertainments of the evening were then shown into the
supper room. This room was beautifully desorated
with silk American flags, and portraits of Washington
and Jackson were hung about the wains. The various
devices of the Masonic craft were freely distributed
over the walls of the room; add to this several bright
attending jets of goalight, a canopy of flags in the center of the ceiling, and the effect was very grand. The
supper was the instanto of the evening.

Supper over, the party repaired to the ball-rowhere an order of dapoing comprising 14 colors

### The Unitarian Course of Lectures-The Ber. O. B. Frethingham on the " De vont Life."

The Rev. O. B. Frothingham delivered the eventh of the Unitarian Course of Sunday Lectures ast evening in the Cooper Institute, before a large, in issi evening in the Cooper Institute, occare in Arge. In-telligent and fushionable assemblage. The derout life is a life of principle, unsedish, something which we can apprehend and respond to. Though the spirit is al-ways the same, the form is never the same from one gen-eration to another. The model solut must be a model man, and the American saint must be an American man. Some time since he had taken up a volume of sermons written by an eminent Catholic priest in the

came on to Chicago—the widowed wife and four sons. Into the thrown open to them. That glorious opportunity—the railroad conductor—to his honor be it said—for affording them a chance to elevate and impire their